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No. 22-1976

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

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DEBORAH S. HUNT, Clerk

In re: FLINT WATER CASES

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LEANNE WALTERS, et al.,

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Plaintiffs,

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and

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MELVIN JONES, JR.,

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Interested Party – Appellant,

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v.

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CITY OF FLINT, MI, et al.,

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Defendants.

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Before: GUY, SUHRHEINRICH, and STRANCH, Circuit Judges.

This matter is before the court upon initial consideration of appellate jurisdiction.

In November 2021, Melvin Jones, Jr., a pro se Michigan resident, began submitting numerous filings in the ongoing Flint Water Class Action. Eventually, the district court enjoined Jones from further filings absent leave of court. The district court later modified the injunction to

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exclude notices of appeal. The present appeal originates from Jones's notice of appeal of the district court's October 26, 2022, order denying an emergency motion for sanctions against Plaintiffs' counsel filed by Veolia Water North America Operating Services, Veolia North America, Inc., and Veolia North America, LLC.

This court may exercise jurisdiction only over final orders, 28 U.S.C. § 1291, certain interlocutory orders, 28 U.S.C. § 1292, and collateral orders. *Cohen v. Beneficial Indus. Loan Corp.*, 337 U.S. 541, 545-46 (1949); *see also Anderson v. Roberson*, 249 F.3d 539, 542-43 (6th Cir. 2001). The district court's October 26, 2022, order denying sanctions is not a final order because it does not resolve the merits of any claims. *See Midland Asphalt Corp. v. United States*, 489 U.S. 794, 798 (1989). Nor is the order immediately appealable under the "collateral order" doctrine. *See Haskell v. Washington Township*, 891 F.2d 132, 133 (6th Cir. 1989).

We therefore **DISMISS** Jones's appeal for lack of appellate jurisdiction.

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT



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